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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MARIO PINZA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/EP03/02258)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: USE OF AN L-ASCORBIC ACID :  
SALT TO PREPARE A :  
PHARMACEUTICAL :  
COMPOSITION, FOR :  
OPHTHALMIC TOPICAL USE,  
CAPABLE OF IMPROVING THE  
LEVEL OF L-ASCORBIC ACID IN  
THE EYE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.